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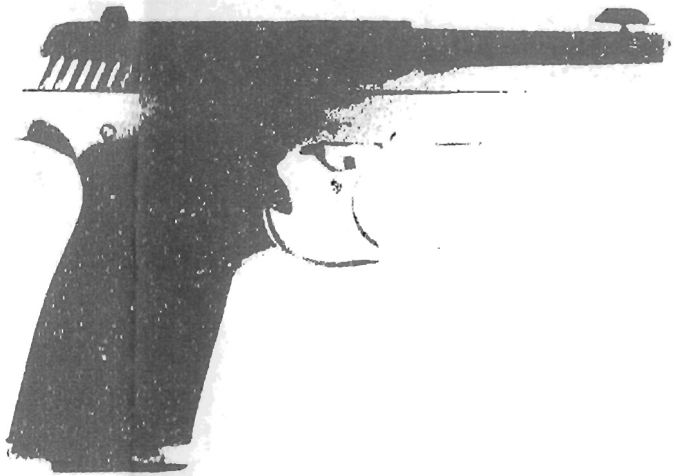
ESCORT

.380 ACP Caliber • Double Action Only (DAO)



INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Please read carefully and thoroughly. Familiarize yourself with the function of your firearm before loading or shooting. If you are unsure, seek knowledgeable instruction before attempting to use gun.

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GUN SAFETY RULES

Please read and observe these safety rules before handling your gun.

- Be sure that the barrel(s) is clear of any obstruction before loading. Make sure to check the barrel(s) every time before reloading.
- Store guns and ammunition separately, beyond the reach of children.
- Never climb a tree or fence, or jump a ditch with a loaded gun. Open the action, remove the shells and hand the gun to a friend or place it on the ground on the other side of the obstacle before crossing it yourself.
- Never place a loaded gun in a vehicle or lean the gun against any object where it might fall over. The gun should be emptied and placed in a case when not in use.
- While loading or unloading, make sure that the gun is pointed in a safe direction. Keep your finger off the trigger while operating the action.
- Treat every gun as if it is loaded – it may be!
- Watch the muzzle at all times and never point the gun at anything you do not want to shoot. Never engage in horseplay with a firearm. Identify your target before shooting. Do not shoot at sounds.
- Avoid alcoholic beverages and drugs before or during shooting.
- If you do not thoroughly understand the proper use and care of your gun, seek the advice of someone you know to be a competent authority.
- Don't abuse your gun or your hunting privileges. Both can be taken away from us due to public pressure against "slob" shooters.

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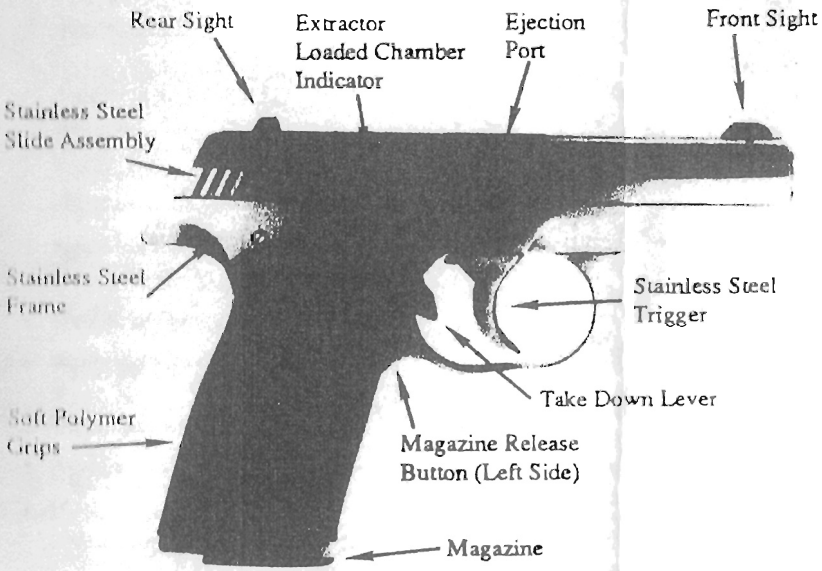

TECHNICAL DATA

Action:	Semi-Auto Double Action Only (DAO)	Width:	1 3/13"
		Barrel Length:	3 3/8"
		Weight:	19 oz. (unloaded)
Caliber:	.380 ACP	Magazine	
Full Length:	6 1/8"	Capacity:	7 Rounds
Height:	4 1/4"		

WARNINGS

Before using your gun, please read the following information to learn the "Do's" and "Don'ts" for before, during and after shooting! This will prevent injury as well as voiding your warranty and thus prevent costly repairs to your new pistol.

1. Use only new, factory loaded ammunition in your pistol. American Arms, Inc. is not responsible for damage to pistol, shooter or any incidental damages caused by malfunctioning new, remanufactured, reloaded, or handloaded ammunition.

2. Your American Arms Escort features "sinusoidal" rifling, meaning that the edges of the rifling are rounded and not square. This improves accuracy. While it may look as though there is no rifling in the barrel, this is only a visual effect of the rounded edges.

3. This pistol's action functions in Double Action Only (DAO). In a DAO action, the hammer always remains in an uncocked position. The hammer is cocked and released for each shot by each pull of the trigger. Do no confuse the DOUBLE ACTION ONLY (DAO) action with Double Action (DA). With a Double Action (DA) the hammer, when cocked, must be fired or manually reset to the uncocked position.

4. With the Escort's DAO action, the hammer is always in an uncocked position until the trigger is pulled. The Escort Pistol does not employ any mechanical safety system since it is a DAO Action (see paragraph 3). If the chamber is loaded and the trigger is pulled, the cartridge will fire!

5. The Escort DAO features a Loaded Chamber Indicator. The Loaded Chamber Indicator is incorporated in the extractor, which is located at the center rear of the ejection port. (See Feature Identification page.) When a cartridge is loaded in the chamber, a red dot will be visible. However, you should never assume any firearm is unloaded without visually checking the chamber.

6. Please read the assembly and disassembly instructions before taking down your pistol for cleaning.

7. Do not excessively "dry-fire" the pistol. This can put excessive stress on the firing pin.

8. Do not mix greases and oils for lubricating the slide action on your pistol. Use only one or the other and use only a light gun oil specified for guns. If switching from one to the other, be sure the pistol is completely cleaned of the previous lubricant.

9. Remove the grips before using solvent to clean the outside of your pistol and wipe it

clean of any solvents before putting the grips back on.

10. Clean the pistol after each use. When storing the pistol for long periods of time, wet a cleaning patch with a light gun oil and run it through the barrel once to apply a light coat of oil to the inside of the barrel.

11. Never manually cycle the gun to empty the magazine. Instead, remove the magazine and remove the cartridges from the magazine by hand.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. *MAGAZINE LOADING*

Remove the magazine by pressing the release button (located on the left side of the frame in front of the grip). The magazine will be completely expelled from the gun, and free falls when released. The first cartridge is positioned parallel to the angle of the magazine follower, then pressed down until the cartridge is under the magazine lips, then pushed into the magazine. Each subsequent cartridge is loaded in the same manner except the next cartridge rim is pressed onto the case of the cartridge in the magazine and **not the bullet nose.** The magazine will hold seven (7) rounds. Re-insert the loaded magazine into the gun all the way up as far as it will go. The magazine is locked into position when it cannot be pulled back out without pushing the release button.

B. *READYING TO FIRE*

With a loaded magazine inserted into the pistol, point the pistol in a safe direction. Grasp the rear serrations of the slide with the thumb and forefinger and pull the slide firmly to the rear and release. This will load the first round into the chamber and the loaded chamber indicator (red dot on extractor) will be visible. **WARNING: COMPLETION OF THESE PROCEDURES LOADS THE PISTOL AND IT IS NOW READY TO FIRE. BE SURE THE PISTOL IS POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION BEFORE CHAMBERING THE FIRST ROUND.**

C. *FIRING*

The pistol is now ready to fire. With the pistol pointed at the intended target, pull the trigger. Be Sure of your target and make sure the path of fire and background of target are clear of people, animals, or anything not intended to be shot. **IMPORTANT: THIS PISTOL IS A SEMI-AUTOMATIC OR SELF LOADING PISTOL. ONCE THE FIRST ROUND IS FIRED, THE FOLLOWING ROUND**

IN THE MAGAZINE WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE LOADED INTO THE CHAMBER EACH TIME THE PISTOL IS FIRED UNTIL THE MAGAZINE IS EMPTY. The slide will not lock open on the last shot. **MAKE SURE THE FIREARM IS EMPTY BY (1) REMOVING THE MAGAZINE, (2) PULLING THE SLIDE REARWARD AND VISUALLY CHECKING THE CHAMBER** to be sure all rounds have been fired leaving the pistol in an unloaded condition.

D. ***UNLOADING WITH A ROUND IN THE CHAMBER AND/OR LOADED MAGAZINE.***

Point pistol in safe direction. Remove the loaded magazine. Pull the slide firmly to the rear, extracting the cartridge from the chamber. While still holding the slide rearward, visually inspect the chamber to insure successful completion of unloading. Note: Anytime the slide is operated with a loaded magazine, a cartridge will automatically be chambered, readying the pistol to fire.

DISASSEMBLY & ASSEMBLY

A. ***DISASSEMBLY – Be sure pistol is unloaded.***

1. Remove magazine. Depress the takedown lever located just behind the trigger. With the lever depressed, push the slide forward until it completely clears the frame. This removes the slide.

2. With the slide upside down, grasp the rear end of the recoil spring assembly and lift up and out. This removes the recoil spring assembly.

3. The barrel can now be removed from the slide by pushing it forward through the hole in the front of the slide.

NOTE: ANY FURTHER DISASSEMBLY IS NOT NECESSARY FOR NORMAL MAINTENANCE AND MAY VOID THE WARRANTY.

B. ***ASSEMBLY***

Assembly is completed by performing the above steps in reverse order with the following note: When reinstalling the side, BE SURE THE TAKE DOWN LEVER IS DEPRESSED AT ALL TIMES, AND PUSH THE HAMMER FORWARD (NOT BACKWARD) as the slide rides over it. If the slide and barrel cannot be pushed into the proper position by hand, you may lightly tap the muzzle of the barrel onto a non-marring surface (such as wood) WITH THE TAKE DOWN LEVER ALWAYS

DEPRESSED to cause the barrel and slide to go into their proper position. Once the barrel and slide are flush with the rear of the frame, ***then and only then***, release the take down lever. If the take down lever does not return to its outward position, retract the slide and release it as if you were chambering a round, or tap the muzzle with the palm of the hand. When the take down lever returns to its full outward position, the barrel is locked into place and the gun is ready for firing again.

CLEANING, LUBRICATION & MAINTENANCE

A. To avoid malfunctions, be sure to clean the pistol after each use.

B. To clean your pistol, perform the disassembly instructions.

1. Using a solvent (bore cleaner) and a brass, wire bore brush of the proper caliber, put a small amount of the bore cleaner in the bore and run the bore brush through the entire length of the barrel and chamber several times.

2. Using a clean cleaning patch and rod, run the cleaning patch through the entire length of the barrel and chamber. Repeat this process with a new cleaning patch each time until the patch comes out clean.

3. Inspect the inside of the barrel by pointing the muzzle end toward a light source and look through the breech end. If the inside of the barrel is not completely smooth and clean, repeat steps 1 and 2 until the bore is completely free of any lead and powder deposits. If the bore brush moves through the bore too easily, the brush is worn and a new one must be used for thorough cleaning action.

4. Using a solvent and wire brush (something resembling a stiff bristled tooth brush is suggested) clean the feed ramp, breech face, and inside the slide (paying special attention to the headspace and surrounding area). Wipe clean.

5. You may want to clean other parts of the pistol by applying solvent and wiping clean with a cloth. Be sure to remove grips before applying solvent in that area and wipe thoroughly clean before re-installing the grips.

CAUTION: Cleaning solvents will damage the soft polymer pistol grips.

Always wipe clean all solvents before lubricating and shooting.

B. LUBRICATION

1. Use a firearm grease to lubricate the slide action only on your pistol, and *only grease specified for guns*. After all cleaning is finished, and just before re-installing

the slide, apply a small dab in the grooves in the slide on each side at about the middle and front. Apply a small dab in slide grooves in the frame at the front and in the middle. This should provide adequate coverage.

2. When using oils for lubrication, use only oils specified for guns. Substituting any oils other than those specified for guns will usually gum up and cause malfunctions.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT mix different oils and greases. This may result in a chemical reaction and could cause the gun to gum up. DO NOT apply lubrication to the inside of the magazine.

PRECAUTIONS

A. The **Escort** functions in Double Action Only. There is no manual safety device. Pulling the trigger will result in a discharge of the round in the chamber and chambering of the next round. Always carry the pistol with an empty chamber. Never point the pistol at anything you don't intend to shoot, even if it is unloaded.

B. Always wear shooting glasses and hearing protection when you shoot. Exposure to shooting noise can damage hearing. Adequate vision protection when shooting is essential.

C. **ALTERATION WARNING:** American Arms, Inc. will not be responsible for any alteration of any part of this firearm after it leaves our control, or for the addition or substitution of parts or accessories not manufactured by American Arms, Inc. This product was designed to function properly in its original condition. Do not jeopardize your safety or the safety of others by making modifications to your firearm.

STORAGE

Thoroughly clean and oil your gun before storage. Store gun in a case to prevent scratches and dents. Store in a dry place to prevent corrosion. Store away from children and other undesired curious individuals. Make sure gun is unloaded and store ammunition separately.

SERVICE AGREEMENT & LIMITED WARRANTY

American Arms, Inc. agrees to service this product free of charge for defects in materials and workmanship in accordance with the service agreement listed below.

The obligation of American Arms, Inc. under this agreement is limited to the repair or replacement of unserviceable parts and does not cover any incidental or consequential damages. Other than the express warranty contained herein, American Arms, Inc. makes no warranties, express or implied.

American Arms, Inc. will repair or replace any unserviceable part(s) for one (1) year from date of purchase in accordance with the above warranty statement provided your firearm has not been altered, abused, willfully damaged, or damaged by reloaded ammunition. This agreement is not transferable; its benefits apply only to the original purchaser. American Arms, Inc. assumes no warranty responsibility for malfunctions and/or defects caused by not reading and following the instructions in the Instruction Manual.

To prevent complications in obtaining warranty service, please fill out the attached warranty card and attach a copy of the purchase receipt and mail it to:

AMERICAN ARMS, INC.
715 Armour Rd.
N. Kansas City, MO 64116

OBTAINING SERVICE

To obtain warranty or non-warranty service, pack the firearm so it will not become damaged in transit and ship it prepaid, insured, via U.P.S. or other authorized carrier to:

A.A.I.
715 Armour Rd.
N. Kansas City, MO 64116

American Arms, Inc. will assume the return shipping charges. It is imperative that you include a note stating the following information: A description of the problem you are experiencing, and instructions stating to what address you want us to return ship the repaired gun. If you have a P.O. Box, include it, but we need a street address for shipping.

PARTS & ACCESSORY ORDERING

Please contact American Arms, Inc. by mail or phone (816) 474-3161, to obtain a current price list and ordering information for purchasing parts and accessories. We cannot ship C.O.D.

WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARD

1. 1. ☐ Mr. 2. ☐ Mrs. 3. ☐ Ms. 4. ☐ Miss 5. ☐ Dr. 6. ☐ Company 7. ☐ School 8. ☐ Club

First Name _____ Initial _____ Last Name _____

Street _____ Apt. # _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

2. **Date of Purchase:** _____ **Country:** _____

3. **Firearm Purchased:**

Caliber: _____ **Model:** _____

Serial Number: _____

4. **Purchase Price (not including any trade-in): $** _____

5. **Where purchased:**
   - ☐ Gun Shop
   - ☐ Sporting Goods Store ☐ Other (specify): _____
   - ☐ Discount Store _____
   - ☐ Department Store _____

   Store Name: _____

   Address: _____

   City,State,Zip: _____

6. **Is this your first American Arms Gun?**
   ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. **Why did you select an American Arms gun?**
   - ☐ Owned one before
   - ☐ Recommended by dealer
   - ☐ Advertisement
   - ☐ Catalog
   - ☐ Recommended by friend
   - ☐ Gift
   - ☐ Other (specify): _____

8. **Date of birth of product owner:**

   _____
   Month Year

9. **Your annual family income is:**
   - ☐ Under $10,000
   - ☐ $10,000-$14,999
   - ☐ $15,000-$19,999
   - ☐ $20,000-$24,999
   - ☐ $25,000-$29,999
   - ☐ $30,000-$34,999
   - ☐ $35,000-$39,999
   - ☐ $40,000-$44,999
   - ☐ $45,000-$49,999
   - ☐ $50,000 & over

10. **Occupation of owner of gun:**
    - ☐ Upper Mgt./Administration
    - ☐ Sales/Service/Middle Mgt.
    - ☐ Craftsman/Tradesman
    - ☐ Clerical/White Collar
    - ☐ Professional/Technical
    - ☐ Physician/Dentist
    - ☐ Homemaker
    - ☐ Student
    - ☐ Retired

American Arms, Inc. appreciates your taking the time to complete this card. This information will help us to serve you better in the future.

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THANK YOU

Thank you for purchasing an American Arms pistol. We are sure this gun will bring you years of hunting and/or shooting pleasure. Your satisfaction is the key to our success. Please let us know if we can be of service and please relay any observations about your gun's performance or appearance.

BE COURTEOUS

When shooting or hunting, always acquire the permission of the landowner. Respect the land. Do not litter, use gates when possible, leave open gates open and closed gates closed. Drive vehicles only whre advance permission has been granted and always express gratitude for use of another person's land. Offer your labor or game as repayment for the privilege of use. Remember, you are helping develop a reputation for all sportsmen/sportswomen.

PURCHASER'S RECORD

Model Number _____

Purchase Date _____

Caliber _____

Serial Number _____

Purchase Price _____

Store Name _____

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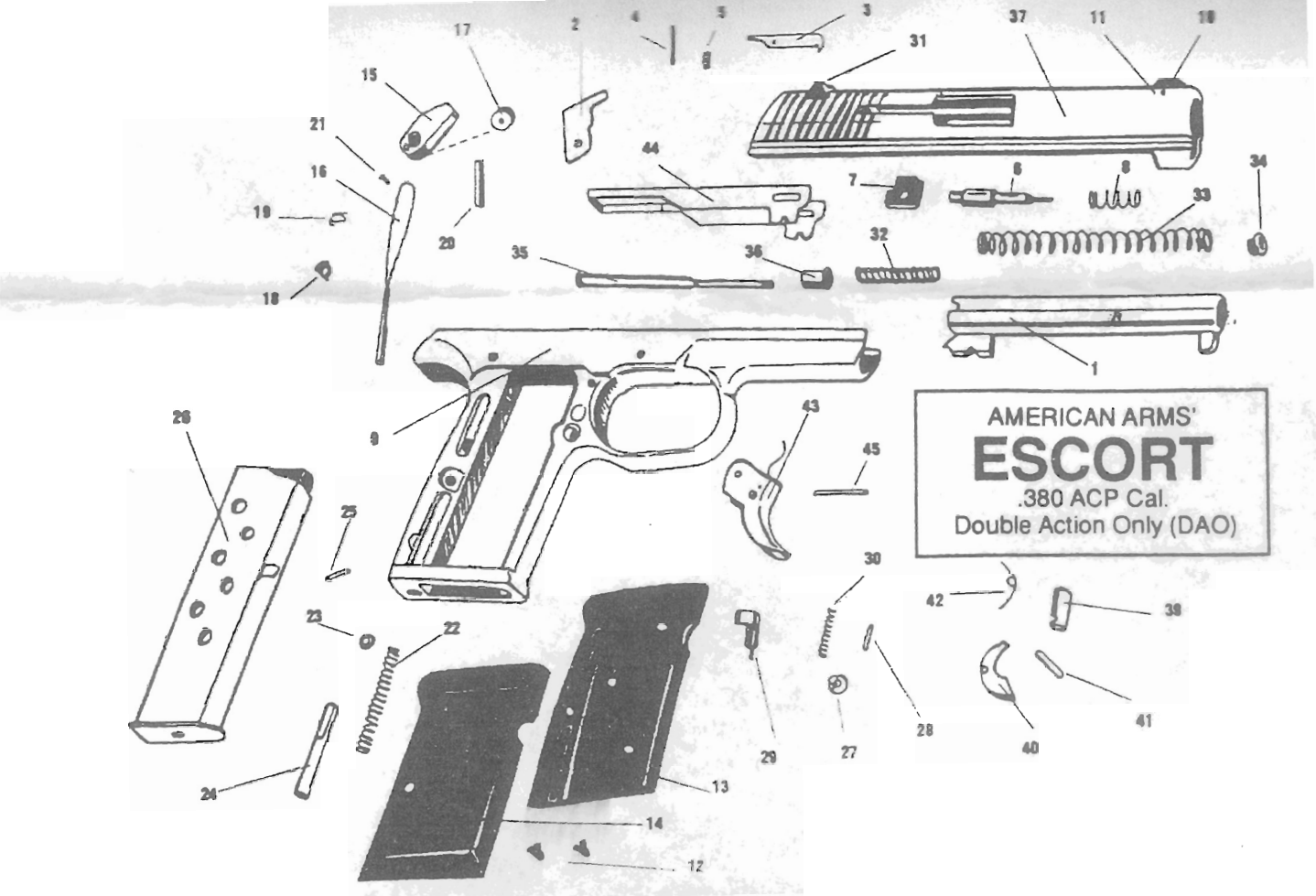
PART #	DESCRIPTION
1	Barrel
2*	Ejector
3	Extractor
4	Extractor Pin
5	Extractor Spring
6*	Firing Pin
7*	Firing Pin Plug
8*	Firing Pin Spring
9*	Frame
10	Front Sight
11	Front Sight Pin
12	Grip Screws, pair
13	Grip, left
14	Grip, right
15*	Hammer
16*	Hammer Cable
17*	Hammer Cable Pulley
18*	Hammer Catch Tooth
19*	Hammer Catch Tooth Spring
20*	Hammer Pin
21*	Hammer Pivot Pin
22*	Hammer Spring
23*	Hammer Spring Bushing
24*	Hammer Spring Retaining Nut
25*	Hammer Spring Retaining Nut Pin
26	Magazine
27	Magazine Catch Tooth
28	Magazine Catch Tooth Pin
29	Magazine Release Button
30	Magazine Release Button Spring

PART #	DESCRIPTION
31	Rear Sight
32	Recoil Buffer Spring
33	Recoil Spring
34	Recoil Spring Front Bushing
35	Recoil Spring Guide Rod
36	Recoil Spring Rear Bushing
37	Slide (Unassembled)
38	Slide Assembly - includes: Slide Front Sight & Pin Rear Sight Extractor Extractor Spring & Pin Firing Pin Firing Pin Spring & Plug
39	Take Down Barrel Locking Pin
40	Take Down Lever
41	Take Down Lever Pin
42	Take Down Lever Spring
43*	Trigger & Spring Assembly
44*	Trigger Bar
45*	Trigger Pin

** RESTRICTED PARTS – Must be installed at factory or sold to FFL Dealers only.*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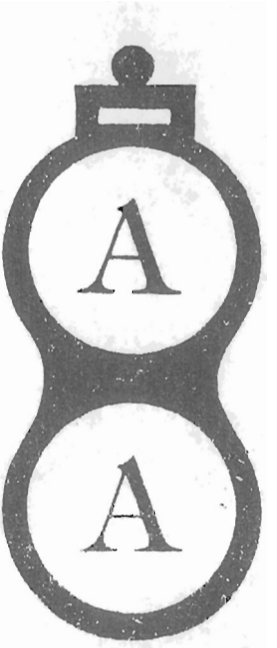

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